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SIX TO PLEAD GUILTY TO COMPUTER INTRUSION FRAUD

TAMPA - The United States Attorney announced today that five individuals and one corporation have agreed to plead guilty to accessing a protected computer to commit fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code Sections 1030(a)(4) and 2.

ALLEN WILLIAM BACHER GAMBERT, BOBBY LEE SMITH, CHRISTOPHER MARTIN LYNCH, JONATHAN ROBERT MEDICI, and JULIE BETH WILLIAMS, along with Lynch's corporation **WEBCAT HOLDINGS, INC.**, have all signed plea agreements, filed today, agreeing to plead to Informations charging each with being involved in a scheme to defraud an online Internet corporation, Adult Revenue Service, Inc. (ARS), out of approximately \$650,000.

The facts set forth in the Plea Agreements establish that in October, 2000, **GAMBERT**, 38, of Palm Harbor, Florida, was employed by Entertainment Network, Incorporated (ENI) of Tampa, Florida, as a consultant programmer. He was one of the programmers assigned to a project supporting the software of ARS, software which was

written by ENI and its staff to track or tabulate Internet web site activity and provide a means for ARS to pay commissions to other web site operators for forwarding their customers to ARS web sites. As a programmer, GAMBERT had electronic access to the ARS computers located at the premises of ENI in Tampa. GAMBERT wrote a PHP script which, when executed, moved account credit from a specific ARS account (5550) to accounts of GAMBERT's choosing. Beginning in October, 2000, GAMBERT accessed the ARS computer without authorization from ARS, ENI or anyone else, thereby exceeding his authorized access as a support programmer, entered the PHP script, and began using the PHP script to move account credit on a periodic basis. The newly created accounts to which the account credit was moved were then paid commissions for Internet traffic and customer registrations which were initially, and correctly, credit to ARS account number 5550. The ARS 5550 account kept statistics for Internet customers who directly accessed ARS's web sites and is traffic for which ARS did not normally pay commissions. GAMBERT, who was familiar with the software and accounting of ARS, began moving credit from the ARS 5550 account to other accounts which were not otherwise authorized to receive these credits or to be paid commissions for these credits. GAMBERT moved these credits periodically to eight different accounts which were accounts recently established at ARS by GAMBERT and his friends, all of whom had been employed or were then employed by ENI. Once these accounts were credited via GAMBERT's unauthorized use of the PHP script, it caused ARS to issue commission checks to the account holders, commissions that ARS would not normally have had to pay. All together, the eight accounts which were established by GAMBERT and the above five individuals, received \$653,000 from October, 2000, when GAMBERT began the periodic movement of the

credits, through on or about April 22, 2001, when ARS stopped making payments to these eight accounts.

According to his Plea Agreement, **SMITH**, 25, of Largo, Florida, was already in the process of taking revenue from ARS which lawfully belonged to ENI when GAMBERT began causing credits to be sent to SMITH's account. SMITH admits theft of \$47,515 from both ENI and ARS.

In his Plea Agreement, **LYNCH**, 29, of Zephyrhills, Florida, admits aiding and abetting GAMBERT in the fraud against ARS through his corporation, **WEBCAT HOLDINGS, INC.**, to the tune of \$69,180.

In their Plea Agreements, both **MEDICI**, 29, of Gainesville, Florida, and **WILLIAMS**, 26, of Woodbridge, New Jersey, admit aiding and abetting GAMBERT in defrauding ARS of \$226,485, through corporations where both were shareholders.

Each individual defendant faces a statutory maximum sentence of five years' imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000, while the corporation faces a fine up to \$500,000, in addition to any restitution amount that the Court may impose.

The investigation of this case was conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald L. Hansen, Computer Technology Crimes Coordinator for the Middle District of Florida. The investigation continues and it is expected further Informations will be filed in the near future.